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COUNTRY	Germany (Soviet Zone)	REPORT NO.	50X1-HUM
TOPIC	Soviet Motor Vehicle Repair Shop	Berlin-Oberschoeneide	50X1-HUM
EVALUATION		PLACE OBTAINED	
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- At the beginning of August 1951, [] a Soviet motor vehicle 50X1-HUM repair shop [] was located on the premises of the former Buessing Nationale Automobil-Gesellschaft (National Automobile Corporation) (NAG), in Berlin-Oberschoeneide. [] The NAG had been converted into an SAG after 1945. The Nachrichtentechnische Entwicklung und Fabrikation (NEF), which is also housed in the plant, does not belong to the SAG. A major was in charge of the repair shop, which was organized into six sections and a senior lieutenant supervised each section. [] It was guarded by German Volkspolizei personnel. According to conservative estimates, about 1,000 Germans were employed at the shop. [] Shipments arrived at, and were dispatched from, the plant by road and rail. The Spree River has not been used as a waterway.
- At least 30 to 40 repair shop trucks were completed per month. Their chassis have been delivered from the central motor vehicle repair shop at Zeesen after they have been overhauled there. The equipment of a repair truck, some of them are provided with a trailer, consisted of: a large lathe with electric motor; a portable forge; an autogenous welding apparatus; a work bench with two vises; an emery wheel, which is probably interchangeable, with motor; and a drilling machine. In addition about 15 cross-country sedans designated Willys, with front and rear wheel drive, were overhauled every month at the shop. (5) Other motor vehicles, most of them American models, were also repaired there.
- About 30 axles for Willys cars, which were probably dispatched to the U.S.S.R. from Zeesen, were produced each month at the plant. (6) Axles for the shop's own requirements were also produced as needed. Cylinder blocks and crankshafts, predominantly for American-type vehicles, were cast. For this purpose, about four railroad carloads of cast iron blocks, about 30 x 40 x 10 cm, arrived at the plant weekly.

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As far as could be learned, all completed Willys vehicles and repair shop trucks were shipped by road to the motor vehicle park at Zeesen.

28 August:

Four boxcars with 400 cylinder blocks for Studebaker and Ford trucks, and spare parts including valves, pistons and crankshafts, packed in boxes, for Unit [] at an undetermined location. [] 50X1-HUM

1 September.

Three hundred to 400 bars of round iron, about 3 to 4 meters long and about 4 cm in diameter, on air force trucks [] 50X1-HUM

3 September.

Twenty rear axles, 20 front axles, 20 gears and 20 steering mechanisms on truck which is assigned to the shop [] and on truck [] to Zeesen. Truck [] belonged to the motor vehicle repair shop in Zeesen. 50X1-HUM

10 September.

Eighty cylinder blocks on one railroad car [] receiving station Ketschendorf. [] 50X1-HUM

12 September.

Fifteen tons of rod iron [] receiving station Havensbrueck, []
Four cylinder blocks on truck []

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Comments.

- (1) The information confirms the 53d Central Repair Shop of the GDR, in Berlin-Oberschoeneweide until mid-September 1951. It contains hitherto unknown details on the affiliations between the plant there and the branch plant in Zeesen.

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(5) The designation Willi vehicle has been mentioned [redacted]
 [redacted] The vehicle is believed to be a jeep-type cross-country motor vehicle.

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(6) The information accounts for the observation of individual trains, going from Zeesen to the U.S.S.R.

(7) The motor vehicles belong to:

Headquarters units of the XXVIII and XXIX Mtz Rifle Corps of the Eighth Gds Army.

Air Force

Headquarters units of the First Gds Mecz Army.

Headquarters units of the Eight Gds Army.

12th Gds Tank Div of the Second Gds Mecz Army.

11th Gds Tank Div of the First Gds Mecz Army.

Headquarters units of the Second Gds Mecz Army.

207th Mtz Rifle Div of the Third Shock Army.

7th Gds Tank Div of the Third Gds Mecz Army.

21st Gds Mecz Div of the Eighth Gds Army.

20th Gds Mecz Div of the Eighth Gds Army.

220th Iv SP Arty Regt of the Eighth Gds Army.

94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div of the Third Shock Army.

39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div of the Eighth Gds Army.

Unidentified series of the First Gds Mecz Army.

GOPG.

Mixed artillery brigade of the Second Gds Mecz Army.

9th Gds Tank Div of the Second Gds Mecz Army.

Headquarters units of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps of the Third Shock Army.

Headquarters units of the XXVIII Mtz Rifle Corps of the Eight Gds Army.

8th Gds Mecz Div of the 1st Gds Mecz Army.

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